Vacancies of High Court Judges

1862. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of High Court Judges and the period of such vacancies, State-wise;

(b) by when the vacancies of High Court Judges in Tamil Nadu would be filled up; and

(c) the steps and devices undertaken to stabilise the recently constituted High Court at Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below)

(b) Pursuant to the Supreme Court Judgement of October 6, 1993 read with their Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the process of initiation of proposals for appointment of Judges of a High Court, including Madras High Court, lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court.

(c) The Presidential notification requires not less than 5 Judges to sit in the newly established permanent Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai.

Statement

State-wise number of vacancies of High Court Judges and period

Sl. No.	High Court	Jurisdiction States	No. of vacancies as on 14.12.2004
1.	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	20
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh	09
3.	Bombay	Maharashtra Daman & Diu Dadar & Nagar Haveli Goa	05

Sl. No.	High Court	Jurisdiction States	No. of vacancies as on 14.12.2004
4.	Calcutta	West Bengal Andaman & Nicobar Islands	10
5.	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh	
6.	Delhi	N.C.T. of Delhi	05
7.	Gauhati	Assam Nagaland Mizoram Manipur Tripura Meghalaya Arunachal Pradesh	03
8.	Gujarat	Gujarat	10
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh	02
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu & Kashmir	06
11.	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	06
12.	Karnataka	Karnataka	09
13.	Kerala	Kerala Lakshadweep Islands	01
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh	05
15.	Madras	Tamil Nadu Pondicherry	14
16.	Orissa	Orissa	05
17.	Patna	Bihar	10
18.	Punjab and Haryana	Punjab, Haryana U.T. of Chandigarh	07
19.	Rajasthan	Rajasthan	15
20.	Sikkim	Sikkim	01
21.	Uttaranchal	Uttaranchal	-
		TOTAL:	143